



The United Church of Canada **Boiestown & St Thomas**

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2nd Sunday in the Season of Creation

Today's Theme

There's good news and bad news. The bad: if you're reading this, you are a sinner. The good: if you're a sinner (and you are) God wants to help. It's time to have an honest talk about sin.

* Indicates stand as you are able.

The congregation shall read the **bold-faced print**.

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

**Introit:* VU 516 Come, You Thankful People, Come, verse 1

**Call to Worship:*

One: Too much pain in our world is caused by arrogance.

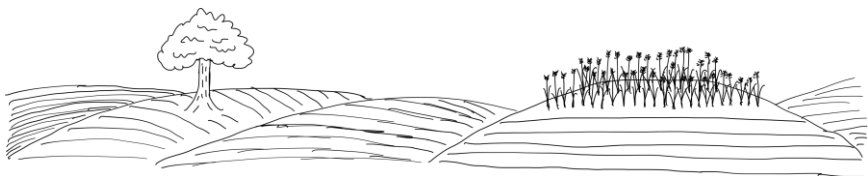
All: We can easily think we are the only ones who are right.

One: Let us be open to the holy in other people,
the light of Christ shining in other people.

**All: Let us rejoice that God's peace can be upon us all as
we light the candle of Christ.**

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**Hymn:* VU 240 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



Loving and merciful God, we are surrounded by your presence in all of creation and reminded of your love through its beauty. Touch us with your Spirit as we worship here, and fill us with the Spirit's joy and energy for our lives, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements and Celebrations

Creed: VU 918 A New Creed

Word

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader: This is the word of the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1–10

Reader: This is the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Meditation: A Reality Check

**Hymn:* VU 508 Just as I Am

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission

Offertory VU 518 As Those of Old, verse 1

Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:* VU 460 All Who Hunger



Sending Forth

**Commissioning and Benediction:*

One: We are not perfect people,

All: but we are working on it.

One: The journey is the destination,

**All: and so we walk, with each other and with Christ.
Amen.**

Blessing: VU 420 Go to the World, verse 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to those who are worshipping with us today.

September 21, 2025 – 11:00a.m. – Boiestown.

The Boiestown United Church will be having a Roast Pork Supper on October 25, 2025 at the Lion's Club at 4:00p.m.

Donations toward the meat and veggies need to be added to your envelope, as the Lion's Club is buying the items in bulk through a supplier. Adults: \$18.00; Children (12 and under) \$8.00; Preschoolers: Free. Purchase your tickets by October 16, 2025 and get entered to win a Fall Basket of goodies.

Tickets are available from Olga Ross 369-2617 or Etransfer to rossolga5@gmail.com or Mary Ellen Black.

October 13, 2025 – St. Thomas Hall. Brian is moving his family's Thanksgiving dinner to the St. Thomas hall again this year. Brian will take care of the basics (turkey, potatoes, and carrots) and everyone is invited to join the pot-luck meal; bring something, or just bring yourself. Open to the public, but let Brian know so he knows how many potatoes to peel.

Sacrament of Communion

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Loving God, Creator and Source of all, we thank and praise you
with our lips and with our lives, that, having created us and all
things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise.

For the goodness of creation and the potential flung throughout it,

We praise you.

For the law of love, inspiring us to holiness, and the call of
prophets, correcting us in our many human flaws,

We praise you.

For making your love known in Jesus, Living Love and Holy
Prophet, giving hope to the despairing, healing to the sick,
forgiveness to the sinner, and freedom to the oppressed,

We praise you.

For teaching us love until those with power were so threatened
they sought to take you from us, and then showing how nothing
can separate us from your Spirit of love, not even death,

We praise you.

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, “Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, “This is the new covenant; remember me.”

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Amen.

We remember as we come to this table, this is not the table of this congregation, or The United Church of Canada, it is the table of Jesus Christ, the family feast of the whole people of God.

All who seek to be nourished and sustained and long to live justly and in peace with their neighbour, are welcome here.

Let us eat and drink together for our strengthening in the faith, and for the sake of the world.

[Distribution]

Let us pray,

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done and been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ’s name. Amen.